

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1005

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The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Granger:

I am requesting \$190,564.00 in funding for the “Delivering and Evaluating Effective Mental Health and Wrap-Around Services for Young Families Experiencing Homelessness” in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Covenant House Georgia located at 1559 Johnson Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30318.

The funding would be used to allow Covenant House Georgia to deliver behavioral (mental) health and wrap-around services to young families in our Transitional Living Program by coordinating “in-home” style care. Doing so, we will help these young parents stabilize their mental health, which will allow them to maintain their employment, increase their educational achievements, strengthen their parenting, and increase their protective capacities overall. In partnership with Georgia State University researchers, the organization will evaluate the effectiveness of these interventions to determine the best tools and methods for engaging young families in these services to meet their unique needs.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the organization is seeking to provide mental health services for youth experiencing homelessness. Covenant House Georgia (CHGA) is the only organization in the Metro Atlanta Area providing shelter and comprehensive supportive services specifically to young people ages 16 to 24 who are experiencing homelessness and escaping trafficking.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Nikema Williams  
Member of Congress